



October 4, 2016

The Honorable Tory Rocca  
Chairman, Senate Regulatory Reform Committee  
P.O. Box 30036  
Lansing, MI 48909-7536

Dear Chairman Rocca:

On behalf of the Saginaw County Chamber of Commerce and its business members, I urge your support of legislation that will allow the residents and visitors to the Saginaw area to benefit from an innovative ridesharing industry.

The Chamber is comprised of hundreds of businesses throughout the county, representing the retail, service, manufacturing, and agriculture industries. Ridesharing is a welcome service to our city. Patrons come to Saginaw for events at the Dow Event Center and to enjoy the various arts, cultural, and entertainment opportunities available in and around the city. They are able to spend more time and money in our local businesses while knowing that Transportation Network Companies (TNCs), such as Lyft, will be the solution for a safe ride home at the end of the day.

TNC's provide communities like ours with reliable and safe transportation options at competitive rates. The drivers are required to go through extensive background checks to ensure the public's wellbeing. We support legislation that will guarantee these extensive driver background checks continue to be required, but does so without overburdening rideshare companies and hurting their ability to operate and serve our community and others across the state.

Ridesharing, because of the innovative technology involved, has afforded many people the ability to start their own business or to pick up extra income away from their primary job simply by driving and offering a popular service. These individuals also have the ability to set their own schedules, thereby creating the flexibility they need in their lives to, for example, care for an ill family member or manage their business. In fact, a recent national survey conducted by Lyft, indicates that over 25% of drivers also own a business and 70% of those business owners say earnings from Lyft driving allow them to continue to operate their business.

The Saginaw County Chamber of Commerce urges your support of TNC legislation that will allow for residents, business and tourism to continue to thrive in our city and the surrounding area.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Bob VanDeventer". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Bob VanDeventer, President & CEO  
Saginaw County Chamber

cc: Senate Majority Leader Arlan Meekhof